

Mines of the County

A shaft is being sunk on the property, near Thumb Butte, held jointly by Adam Simonds and Dr. Thurman. The surface showing of the property is said to be good.

A mining man who visited the Thumb Butte section last week states that J. C. Potts and Thomas Hogan have an excellent showing in the Atlantic and Pacific mining claims, at that place. Considerable work has been done on the property and wherever the vein has been opened good values in gold have been found.

A. B. Richmond returned Thursday night from Mexico, where he was called last week, and left this morning for San Francisco district, where he will examine mining property. Mr. Richmond is much impressed with the mineral possibilities of this county and it is to be hoped that he will find something big enough for his clients.

W. D. Grannis departed to his mines in the lower part of Deluge Wash last Thursday morning. He reports that good ore is being found in the work of development on the Waldron claim, the average in gold, silver and lead being nearly \$100 per ton. The vein is being opened by tunnel on the vein, a big outcrop of quartz on the side of the mountain being the objective point. The company has a nice group of claims near the old Diamond Joe mine that they purpose spending a good deal of money on.

M. Finnelly, one of the best known Colorado mining men, arrived in Kingman Tuesday last and departed Thursday to Burro Creek, where he will make an examination of the Burro and Telegraph mines. The Burro is one of the largest gold and silver bearing vein in the county and is ideally situated for cheap mining and milling. Should a great plant be placed on this mine the cost of bullion production would be very low. Besides the two claims other locations have been made on the big vein that show very good gold and silver values.

An average sample taken along the 550 level of the Boundary Cone gave result of better than 228 gold to the ton for a width of five feet. This ore is free milling and it is possible that a high recovery could be made by pan amalgamation, or by cyanidation. The mine is in splendid shape to output a large tonnage of ore and by the time the milling plant is put in commission the property will have large ore reserves in the stopes. Since the property has been under the superintendency of Frank Dryden great progress has been made in development and the taking up of the vein where it showed the best values in the drifts above.

Fred G. Uthoff, of St. Louis, who has large mining interests in Colorado, arrived in Kingman the early part of the week and departed Wednesday last, in company of H. L. Stewart, to Music Mountain, where they will make an examination of the mines of the Nevada Arizona Gold Mines Company. The company has its shaft down to the 300 level and has just cut a station preparatory to drifting along the vein. The mine has been making considerable water, a necessity in that section. With the driving of the drifts along the vein it is probable that very rich ore will be encountered. The ore body has been increasing in width and the values are good.

James A. Roberts, one of the directors of the Frisco Gold Mines company, who has been at the mines the past week, departed to his home in New York last Tuesday. He reports that a recent visit to Denver resulted in the untangling of the affairs of a big irrigation company, in which he is interested and that hereafter a better understanding will be had with the water users. The company is one of the largest irrigation companies in the southwest and that an immense amount of money has been used in bringing water from the Arkansas river and Twin Lakes onto a fertile stretch of country east of Pueblo. Like all such corporations misunderstandings grew up between the users and the board of governors, but this has been amicably adjusted and the shares of the corporation given added value. Mr. Roberts did not inform us of the proposed betterments at the Frisco, but the impression prevails that something big will soon be doing there. Nothing less than a 500-ton plant should be in operation on the property, which would bring big results.

J. F. Miller, who is doing assessment work on the Great Canyon mine, in Deluge Wash, for Smith, Sawyer, Lassell and Connor, sent in samples taken from along the vein that gave results of 19 per cent copper, ten ounces silver and three dollars gold per ton. The vein is in places twenty feet wide and shows good ore throughout the outcrop. A shaft is being sunk on the vein on the south side of Deluge Wash, where the vein has an outcrop in excess of twenty feet. It is probable that considerable work will be done on this group of mines this winter, the showing of copper and molybdenite ores encouraging the owners to an effort to make the mines produce something worth while. Concentrates made from the ores show values in excess of 100% in value, the values being in copper, silver and gold.

Last Wednesday morning J. S. Withers and J. C. Potts, of the Mohave county Board of Supervisors, accompanied by James S. Parker, of the office of the State Engineer, and John Munds, contractor, went over the new road from Kingman to Topock for the purpose of examining the work and accepting the road on behalf of the county and state. They returned Wednesday night, having made a most successful trip. The supervisors report the road in fine condition and that when the grade from the mesa to the valley at Topock is completed the road will be turned over to the state. This road becomes a part of the state highway across northern Arizona, and while it is being built in part by the county's part of the state road fund it will later be completed from the moneys realized from the sale of the road bonds. The road is to be rolled by the big trucks now running between Yucca and Copperville, the Arizona Southwestern Copper company having agreed to make the trip over the grade for that purpose. The road has been built up in good shape, all sandy places having been covered with caliche for a depth of from ten to eighteen inches. This will give an excellent surface, and when rolled with the big auto trucks will become as smooth as a floor. The contractors are now working on the road at Topock and it is expected to complete that part of the highway by next week Thursday. It is probable that when this part of the road is completed the contractors will be put to work building the road from Yucca to Kingman. While a good grade can be found for this part of the highway the present road is in an abominable condition. By going to the west of the railroad tracks it will be possible to secure a roadway that will be protected in a measure by the railroad grade and that the only places that will have to be protected will be at points where the railroad has bridges or culverts. This part of the road is a necessity and it is to be hoped that it will be completed at once. The country out from Yucca is becoming of great importance and much travel will go from this place to the mining districts to the east and south, should a good road be built. The best time to lay out and build this road is the present, as should the graders be allowed to go away it would be hard to get them back to work on a small job.

Congressman Keltner, of California, stopped off at Needles a few days ago and made a personal examination into the needs of a wagon bridge across the Colorado river at Topock. He was taken over the new highway from Needles to the bridge site and was much impressed with the good work done. In the matter of the bridge the Indian school at Fort Mohave, through its superintendent, A. F. Duclos, has asked the Indian department to give aid to the bridge project. With a bridge at Topock the Indians would have a market for their produce from the Mohave valley and the school would have easy access to the railroad. At the present time everything has to be ferried to the Arizona side of the river and hauled twenty miles by team. Auto trucks could be put on the haul and the expense of maintaining the school cut materially. Northern Arizona is to petition Arizona's congressmen to aid in getting the government appropriation for the bridge and it will probably be carried through at the next session of congress.

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Old Hat is Being Entered.

The silent acquisition of mining property in the Old Hat district by the Phelps Dodge people and the surveying of a line by the El Paso & Southwestern Railroad company to reach the district, is of marked importance to the region. The Old Hat district is located in Pinal county, about 26 miles in a northerly direction from Tucson. The country rock consists mainly of limestone, quartzite, gneiss and porphyry, which have been fractured and faulted to a large extent. The majority of these faults are well mineralized, carrying values in lead, silver and copper. Work to date has been confined to the mining of the oxidized ores and as a result sufficient depth has not been attained to determine the extent of the secondary enriched zone. Considerable ore has been shipped in the past to the El Paso smelter via Tucson.—Globe Silver Belt.

C. R. Shipman, president of the Red Men Stockholders Corporation, who arrived yesterday from New York City, is to formulate plans for the extensive operation of their mining property near McCabe, so it is learned. He was joined in the city by M. N. Andrews, the superintendent, and both leave for the camp today. A reorganization and a readjustment of company affairs have been consummated in recent months, and considerable exploration was given early last summer to ascertain absolute conditions to depth, which proved highly satisfactorily. The property is said to merit the investment of capital, and the purpose is to resume on a permanent basis early in January. Accommodations on the ground are ready for quite a large force, and machinery for deep development has been installed, with a stamp mill to treat the output.—Prescott Journal-Miner.

The work of sinking below the present level of the Golconda mine is now under way and within a short time that property will be opening up the big bodies of zinc that appear in the floor of the lower drifts. The mine should soon be sending out several cars of rich zinc ore daily, but during the sinking of the shaft only sufficient ore will be sent to the smelter to meet expenses. Among the big mines of the southwest the Golconda looms up as a prize winner.

J. J. Connolly this week sent in some very rich looking ore from his copper claim in Bob Tail basin. Ira M. George, who is interested with Mr. Connolly in the property, is exhibiting the ore.

H. E. Bierce came in from Mineral Park last evening. He is getting the drift on the McNeely property well under the outcrop. Some excellent ore has been opened by this drift.



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A Sad Accident.

Samuel Brethour, mine superintendent at the Frisco Gold Mines camp, met with a dreadful accident last Sunday morning. He was working at the rockbreaker in the mill, and, observing that the conveyor belt was being shoved off the pulley by a rock, thrust his hand through to remove it, and the sleeve of his unbuttoned jumper was caught in the gear and before he could extricate himself his arm was caught between the jaws of the conveyor gear. Fortunately the belt was loose and slipped from the pulley, or else his arm would have been crushed to a pulp. As it was one of the bones of the arm was crushed and the flesh terribly torn and lacerated. Although suffering excruciating pain he had presence of mind and will power enough to use his free hand and foot in turning back the gear so that he could remove his arm. The artery in the arm was ruptured, but so hard was it doubled back into the flesh that the flow of blood was effectually stopped.

He was brought into town as soon as possible and is now at the residence of Mrs. Dandon under the care of Dr. Bucher.

Mr. Brethour has been at the mine the past year and has been very successful in the operation of the property. During his residence he has made many friends in camp and at Kingman that wish him a speedy recovery.

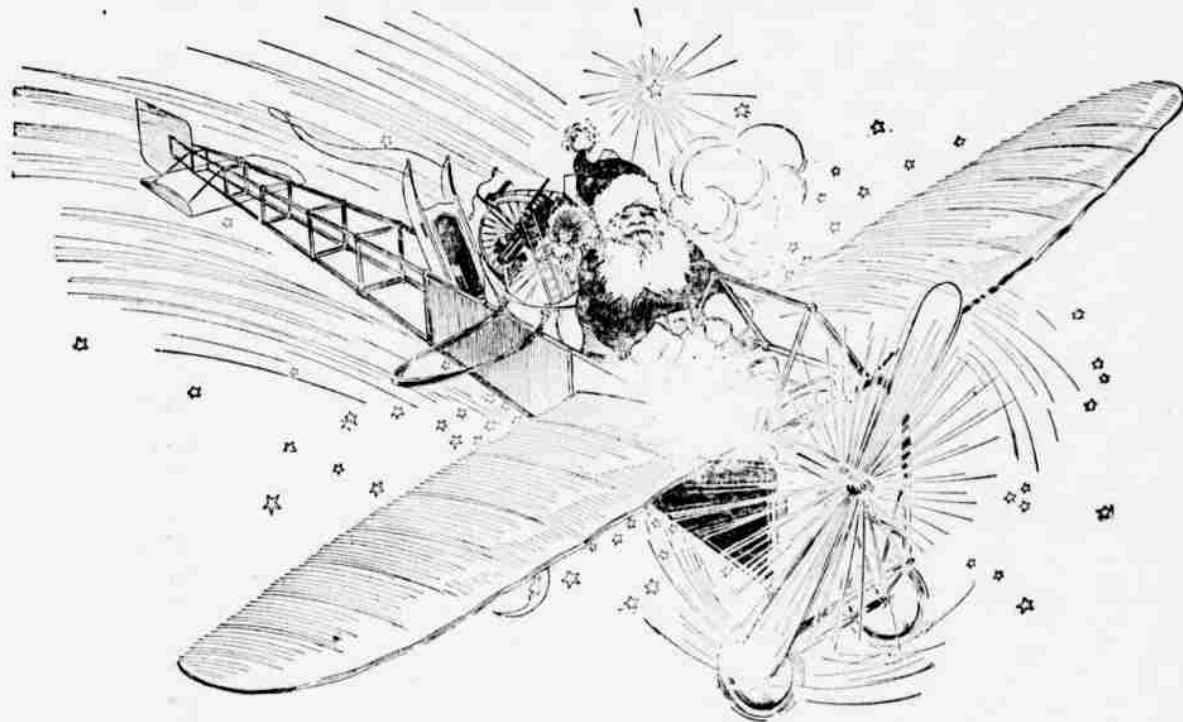
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